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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 3, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 3, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 3, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although the Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.